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At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with Public Meetings for worship on First Day the 9th of Sixth Month, 1918, and Second Day, the 10th, with a Meeting for Discipline.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Friends, the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Charles Perry, Lucy W. Foster, Hannah W. Webster, Annie O. Foster, Eunice B. Clark, Anna A. Gardner, Job S. Gidley, Horace B. Foster, Mary P. Cope, Emma T. Oliver, Mary C. Foster, Elizabeth G. Wilbur Alice W. Gidley and William T. Oliver, whose names being called all are present but one.

Our dear Friend, Joseph Elkinton, attended this Meeting with a minute from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting of Friends, held at Philadelphia the 30th of 5th month 1918, liberating him to attend this Meeting, and also New York Yearly Meeting at Glens Falls, New York, he being a minister of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, with whom they have unity.

His company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign the same on behalf of the Meeting.

Our dear Friend Albert Votaw attended this Meeting as companion to Joseph Elkinton, with a minute from Philadelphia Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Philadelphia 5th mo. 30th, 1918, he being an esteemed member and overseer of that Meeting.

His solid deportment and labors of love have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute, signed on behalf of the Meeting.

Epistles have been received from Canada, Ohio, Western, North Carolina and Iowa Yearly Meetings of Friends, and from the General Meeting of Friends held at Britchley, England, and we appoint our Friends Phebe S. Perry, Hannah H. Webster, Job S. Gidley, Thomas Perry, Mary C. Foster, Eunice B. Clark, James W. Oliver, Alice H. Gidley, Anna A. Gardner, and Thomas P. Nichols, a committee to prepare, if way opens for it, essays of replies to these epistles and one to Kansas Yearly Meeting.

We appoint our Friends Arthur Perry, Mary Anna Oliver, Eunice B. Nichols, and Amos O. Foster to prepare a Summary of the answers to the Queries and present it at the sitting this afternoon.

We appoint our Friends Horace B. Foster and Jesse R. Tucker, a committee to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting, to propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer for the ensuing year and report at a future sitting of this Meeting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting and propose the name of a Friend to serve the Meeting for Clerk, and the name of another Friend for an Assistant Clerk, and report at the opening of the sitting this afternoon.

Adjourned to 3-30 o'clock this afternoon.

Second Day afternoon, at about the time to which the Meeting was adjourned, Friends again assembled. The names of the representatives being called they were present as at our first sitting.

Charles Perry, on behalf of the representatives, reports that they were united in proposing the name of Bob S. Gidley for Clerk and Lucy N. Foster for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered the proposition was united with, and they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year or till others are appointed in their places.

The Queries were read at this time, with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings, together with a Summary prepared by the committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting which is thought to describe our present state, and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

Jonathan Chase, one of the Trustees of the Othniel Lapp Fund, having deceased, it was concluded to appoint Henry C. Foster of Centerville R. I. as a Trustee in his place, and the Clerk is directed to give notice to the bank where the fund is deposited of his appointment.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings have been read and approved and it was concluded to reappoint Annie O. Foster, Anna H. Chase, James H. Tucker, Jesse R. Tucker, Charles Perry, Bob S. Gidley, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Eunice B. Nichols, Isabel L. Lafford, Arthur Perry, Lucy N. Foster, Horace B. Foster, James N. Oliver, Mary C. Foster, Mary Anna Oliver, Anna A. Gardner, Thomas Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Elizabeth P. Nichols and Francis J. Quinton and to appoint Harvey C. Perry and Clara V. Perry to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

The subject of the Peace Conference of All Friends coming before the meeting it was concluded to refer it to the Meeting for Sufferings with power to act if way opens for it.

Adjourned to the Third Hour Third Day afternoon.

Third Day afternoon the 11th, at about the time to which the Meeting was adjourned Friends again assembled. The names of the representatives being called they were all present but four. Satisfactory reasons were given for those who were absent.

The essays of replies to the Epistles received, prepared by the committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting, were read and approved and the Clerk is directed to transcribe and forward the same to Canada, Ohio, Western, Iowa, Kansas and North Carolina Yearly Meetings of Friends and to the General Meeting of Friends held at Fritchley, England.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting to examine the Treasurer's account and propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer for the ensuing year make the following report

"The committee appointed at the first sitting to examine the accounts of the Treasurer of this Meeting have done so and find them correctly kept with proper vouchers filed with a balance on hand of $1,142.11. We are united in proposing the name of Harvey C. Perry for Treasurer for the ensuing year."

On behalf of the Committee.

Horace B. Foster.

The report is satisfactory to the Meeting and Harvey C. Perry is reappointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year or till another appointment

Books and Tracts.

The Committee on Books and Tracts make the following report: The distribution of books and tracts has been on a larger scale than usual. Doctrinal works have been found to be useful in many places, also books and tracts of a different character.

Many have been placed with the different branches of Friends where they have been much appreciated.

Gertrude E. Foster for the Committee.

The report is satisfactory to the Meeting and it was concluded to reappoint Rowena C. Gardner, Job S. Gidley, Arthur Perry, Emma A. Goodwin, Anna H. Chase, Elizabeth G. Tilton, Emma A. H. Perry, Gertrude E. Foster, Susannah H. Grinnell, James H. [illegible], Annie [illegible], Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth E. Gidley and Elizabeth Perry as a committee to purchase such books and tracts as they desire to distribute and they are authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for any expense thereby incurred.

It was concluded to print the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting together with Epistles received from other Meetings addressed to this Meeting. The care of printing the minutes and their distribution is referred to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Charles Perry of Westerly R.I. Job S. Gidley of Dartmouth Mass. and [illegible] of [illegible] Mass. are reappointed correspondents of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this Meeting and sign the same on its behalf.

No further business appearing, we conclude, rendering thanksgiving with grateful hearts for the blessings which we have received to the Giver of all Good, purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Job S. Gidley Clerk.

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Ans. 2nd- Love and unity are maintained in a good degree, and detraction is guarded against. When any differences arise, Friends are concerned to end them.

Ans. 3rd- Friends are concerned faithfully to uphold our testimony to the leadings of the Holy Spirit,

Ans. 4th- Some Friends are concerned to bring up those under their direction in plainness of speech, deportment and dress, to restrain them from pernicious reading, to guard them from the harmful influences of worldly associations, and to be good examples therein themselves,

Ans. 5th- Friends are careful to discourage the extravagance, waste and use of all intoxicating liquors, and are concerned to avoid all needless excesses, and be moderate and simple at the time of marriages and on all other occasions.

Ans. 6th There are no Friends needing pecuniary assistance. Our children are procuring sufficient education to fit them for the ordinary affairs of life.

Ans. 8th- We believe Friends are careful to live within their means, to be punctual to their promises, just in the payment of their debts, and honest in their dealings.

Their testimony in the several parts of this query.

Ans. 9th- Parents and those who have the care
[illegible] to instruct them in the principles of
truth professed by us, and are diligent to guard all
against unsuitable marriages. Marriages, births, deaths
and burials are duly recorded. Those [illegible] for
removals without certificates.

Ans. 10th Friends are concerned to attend faithfully
to the Spirit of Truth in our minds, without
partiality or [illegible] unnecessary delay. There has been
no judgment given since our last account.

Epistles to other Yearly Meetings.

[illegible]

Dear Friends

[illegible] has been received and read, Your epistle
[illegible] is the [illegible]
of our hearts. We feel that these letters of concern
if proceeding from the best life, help alive a true
[illegible]
of our [illegible] hearts. We desire to [illegible]
gospel love. We believe a better day can only come
[illegible]
and the message [illegible]
[illegible]
full corn in the ear." This text bears out the words
of our Saviour "The fields are white unto the har-
vest." [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
it may be to increase the faith of some who are
[illegible]
to this - he said, I am the true vine and my Father
[illegible]
fruit He purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit,

"Every branch that beareth not fruit He taketh away". So dear Friends, if we endure the chastisement that becometh the Sons children

Him who hath loved us and given Himself for us." We shall be made partakers of

To Ohio Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends: We have gathered here for our annual meeting beneath the weight of world-wide suffering. Discouraged by the failures of the past, appalled by the dangers of the future, face to face with fear on all sides. [illegible] people a great and sacred charge. More than any other generation in the world's history, [illegible] plans for His universe, and because we have been thus chosen, we must prove the faith

to say with Paul "I have fought a good fight. I have kept the faith."

It is a time when nothing can save the sanity of the world except a great and an exultant belief that, as always God is standing watch above His people, leading them by ways they cannot understand into a new and a more glorious [illegible] ing unspeakable, men must be able to look up and see the pitying face of Christ and feel His boundless love encompass them. "If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed ye shall say unto this mountain remove hence to another place and it shall remove; nothing shall be impossible unto you." This is the promise that has been made to us, and it is this faith which we must have if we are to remove the mountain [illegible] heart of the world, [illegible] message of love and hope and faith is needed, and it is for us to [illegible]

We are then going forth as Paul directed the Corinthians, "In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, ... as sorrowful yet always rejoicing; as poor yet making many rich; as having nothing and yet [illegible] things." We covet your prayers for you are [illegible] of God. With love we are your friends.

To Western Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends: As fellow travelers Zionward we are drawn once more to salute you in the love of the Gospel. We are at this time encompassed [illegible] and suffering prevailing in the world, and we feel it is for us to examine ourselves, and see how much we individually are responsible for these things, and to see what we can do to uphold the standard of the Prince of Peace and bear our part of the burden that now weighs upon our beloved nation.

We are sensible of our weakness and need daily
and hourly help and strength from the fountain of life and power.
But we know that in due time God will in His
own good time to quiet the troubled seas and restore
peace and happiness to a distracted world.

[illegible] to press on, we remain
[illegible] for more strength and faith in
our Dear Lord and Master and willing to follow
Him in His teachings. Forgetting the things that are
behind and reaching toward the things that are
before we press forwards the mark for the prize
of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus".

"God so loved the world that he gave his only
begotten son that whosoever believed on him should
not perish but have everlasting life"

The language seems to arise "Hold that fast
that thou hast that no man take thy crown",
and may we be willing messengers and able
[illegible] in an especial manner the message of Love
and Good Will to hasten the day when "Righteousness
shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea".

Our meeting has been rather larger than in
former years, and we have been favored with the
[illegible] whose presence and labors of love [illegible]
encouraging to me. Our younger members have
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]
friends.

Dear Friends:- As we have gathered for our annual meeting, we have been permitted many seasons of refreshing, and not the least among those distant in body but near in spirit; they have been as manna to our souls hungering for such love and sympathy. We have been and are humiliated that so-called christians are engaged in this terrible war. O that it may cause deep searching of heart in all God's people. That the commandment - thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself - has lost none of its significance as it has come down to us through the ages, and if its meaning was fully understood [illegible] and practiced the cause of all strife would cease.

To err is human, to forgive divine". What depths of how little all the culture, education and refinement have done to bring about a spirit of brotherly love, instead we have a condition of [illegible] that we could not have believed could exist among the least civilized; to appeal to these facts will avail little unless we are willing to [illegible] the cruelty and injustice that the [illegible] are being subjected to. We realize that the burden will fall most heavily upon the young men of conscription age, and although the principles of [illegible] for them in [illegible] if faith and trust fail not, they will come forth with-out the smell of fire upon their garments.

We believe that it is an evidence of the care of our loving Heavenly Father that we have been strengthened and encouraged by those in the home field, many old [illegible] and from other points, [illegible] the gospel message. Among the [illegible] was [illegible]

"We are debtor to the Jew and the Greek" for our seasons of searching and humbling. Also the personal responsibility of all toward our fellow men, whether [illegible] bond and free". To do this we cannot realize that kinship, and brotherly love, which we cannot attain to except by grace, which is the gift of God, and this grace will enable us to forgive even as we hope to be forgiven.

Finally we commend you with ourselves to the care of Him who is able to keep [illegible] and to present us faultless before His presence and remain your friends

To Kansas Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends:- Once more this small branch of Friends has met to hold our Yearly Meeting, and though few in numbers, and though [illegible], we are deeply thankful that we have the privilege of thus meeting and worshiping together; for we have been, as it were, sheltered from the storms and tumult raging around us, and have received fresh courage and inspiration, so that, as we return to our various homes we may meet the questions and trials we all must face, with cheerfulness and quiet trust.

We realize that we will be [illegible], in a greater or less degree, for the terrible conflict among the nations, causing worldwide desolation and distress. [illegible] than the returning more [illegible] for them, that they may be enabled to [illegible] our Heavenly Father [illegible]. Let us all [illegible] suffering humanity. [illegible] and a boundless love for all people,

but the greatest of these is love."

We have received no message from you, at this time, but we trust that the three fold cord of Christ's love, which should hold all Friends together, everywhere, still binds your yearly meeting with ours, and may not easily be broken

We remain your friends

To [illegible] Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends:-

Your acceptable epistle has been read and though so [illegible] it has been to some of us a reminder of "as iron sharpeneth iron", and our love for those of the same household of faith has prompted the effort to make you a visit, though feeble in the effort. We realize how you must feel the removal of those who have so labored, been called to their everlasting habitations after having served the church militant in their day and generation and are now gathered to the church triumphant, to join the redeemed of all generations, and as we are left, how necessary it is for us to [illegible] diligence and pray through the [illegible] that we may be [illegible] realizing more and more the importance of the dear Redeemer's exchange that the only way to the kingdom of heaven is by the cross. Whosoever climbeth up any other way the same is a thief and a robber. Nothing else will be substituted. We have learned that "if one member suffers all members suffer with it."

And while your yearly [illegible] all the members engaged in the social duties for conscience sake we would stretch forth the hand of fellowship or a word of comfort in a way that might be helpful to those to whom it [illegible] in their [illegible] and in the [illegible] of humility to their Master's [illegible] and [illegible] left them [illegible] duty.

[illegible] appointed time.

We can fully unite with you in saying "The letter killeth but the spirit giveth life"

Now dear friends, farewell in the love of [illegible]

[illegible] friends,

General Meeting Norfolk Eng.

Dear friends; Our hearts go [illegible] those of whom you write are in prison may be [illegible] who is able to strengthen them to maintain [illegible]

[illegible] with you, memory is repeatedly visited, and it behoves us to come to the fountain of living waters [illegible] over duty toward the "sinking ones".

May God increase the faith of all Friends, then [illegible] required of them after the awful world war is ended. The All Wise Employer of time [illegible] their implicit confidence in Him who will feed them with that soul sustaining food that is needful to give them strength for labor in His vineyard.

With love we are your friends.

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with the Meetings for Worship on First Day the 5th of 4th month 1919, and thence 2nd Day the 7th, with an Meeting for Discipline.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Connecticut Quarterly Meetings of Friends, the following Friends were appointed to attend their Meetings viz: Stephen C. Foster, Charles Perry, Joseph C. Foster, Emma L. Gardner, Elizabeth C. Foster, Hulda H. P. Ruffner, Prince A. Foster, Elizabeth E. Eddy, Emma T. Oliver, Henry C. Foster, William T. Oliver, Alice H. Seeley and James H. Seeley, whose services being called they were all found but two satisfactory reasons were given for their absence.

Our dear Friend Rebecca H. Mekeel, attended this Meeting with a minute from Rochester Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Lycoming 3rd month 8th 1919 liberating her to attend this Meeting, and some of the meetings composing it, if way open therefor, and being approved as with us she has done so. Her company and Gospel labors have been very acceptable and the Clerk is directed to forward to her with a copy of this minute a copy of the minutes taken at the sessions of this Meeting.

Our dear Friend Lydia Cooper attended this Meeting with a minute from Hicksite Monthly Meeting held 3rd month 12th 1919 endorsed by Salem Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Salem Ohio 2nd month 8th 1919, liberating him to attend, in the love of the Gospel, this Meeting, Canada Yearly Meeting and the meetings composing them, as they open, also to visit the Friends near Baker Castle and adjoining, to appoint one or more meetings, and if Friends unite freely and receive

he being a minister with whom they have unity.

who attended this Meeting as companion of Rebecca H. Mekeel on her Religious visit, have been very acceptable to us.

and William R. Harvey from Philadelphia

Epistles have been received and read from Canada, Ohio, Western, Iowa and North Carolina Yearly Meetings of Friends, also a letter from our

and Jane N. Oliver, a committee to prepare, if

Pritchley, England.

for the ensuing year, and report at a future

it at the sitting this afternoon. *

Adjourned to 3-30 o'clock this afternoon.

Second Day afternoon At about the time to which the Meeting was adjourned, Friends again assembled.

The names of the representatives being called they answered as at the first sitting.

William Allen on behalf of the representatives reports that they were united in proposing the name of Joel Bailey for Clerk and the name of Lucy H. Foster for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately entered the proposition was readily united with, and they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year or till others are appointed in their places.

* The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting and propose the name of a Friend for Clerk and the name of another Friend for Assistant Clerk and report at the opening of the sitting this afternoon.

An Epistle from the General Meeting of Friends held at Frickley England, has been received and was read at this time to our edification and comfort.

No Epistles to make a reply, if way open for it.

The queries were read at this time and answers thereto from Ohio, Iowa and Pennsylvania Yearly Meetings, together with a Summary prepared by the committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting, which is directed to be entered upon the minutes, and the Clerk is directed to record the same.

During this reading a solemn silence prevailed over the Meeting and

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The records of the Meeting for Sufferings
were read and approved, and it was
concluded to re-appoint James E. Foster,
Horace B. Foster, James C. Chace, Charles Perry,
Jr., Sidney Edgar, Edward D. Wilbur, Eunice B. Nichols,
Isabel L. Gifford, Arthur Perry, Lucy H. Foster,
Horace B. Foster, James C. Chace, Charles Perry,
Eunice B. Clarke, Elizabeth P. Nichols and Harvey C. Perry,
to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings for the
ensuing year.

Adjourned to the third Day afternoon
Third Day afternoon, the 10th. at about the
hour the Meeting was reopened, Friends
again assembled. The names of the representa-

first sitting

The essays of replies to the Epistles received
prepared by the committee appointed at the
first sitting of this Meeting were read
and approved, and the Clerk is directed to
transcribe and forward the same to Canada
Ohio, Indiana, Iowa, North Carolina, Yearly
Meetings of Friends, and to the General Meeting
of Friends held at Birmingham England.

The committee appointed at the first sitting
of this Meeting to examine the accounts of the Treasur-
er of this Meeting and produce the name of Friends
for Trustees for the ensuing year, make the following
report. We have examined the Treasurers ac-
counts and find them correctly kept and the
proper vouchers filed, and find a balance on hand
of $2.16. We propose the name of Harvey C. Perry
for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The report was accepted by the Meeting, and Harvey
C. Perry was appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for
the ensuing year.

Information comes from Yarmouth Quarterly Meeting of Friends that Mary P. Coffin has been appointed to the station of Elder.

Books and Leaves.

It was concluded to reappoint James H. Tucker, Silas R. Tucker, Arthur Gray, Silas A. Crosby, James H. Chase, Stephen C. Hilton, Susan A. Hall, E. Foster, James H. Oliver, Mary L. Foster, Elizabeth C. Gidley and Elizabeth Perry, a committee to purchase books and tracts for distribution, and they are authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for the expense thereof incurred.

It was concluded to forward the Minutes of the Yearly Meeting together with the epistles received to this Meeting, and the letter from Silas Hilton.

The care of printing the Minutes and this Epistle is referred to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Charles Perry of Hardwick R. I. James H. Oliver of Lyman Mass. and Joel S. Gidley of N. Dartmouth Mass. are reappointed correspondents of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

The Clerk is directed to procure a copy of each year the Minutes of this Meeting and forward them to Salem.

During the various sittings of our Yearly Meeting we feel that we have been mercifully favored from the Fountain of living waters, the Lord Jesus Christ, of which our Saviour said, Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life.

And we desire that the God of Jacob strengthen us to gather up the fragments that remain that nothing be lost.

No further business appearing, we now conclude purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year, if consistent with Divine will.

Joel S. Gidley Clk.

[illegible]

Answers to the Queries.

[illegible] were omitted on account of influenza and thru [illegible] behavior, except one report cites some instances of [illegible]

Ans 3rd We believe Friends are faithfully concerned to [illegible] to guard them from worldly association, and to be good examples therein themselves. We trust our younger [illegible] object would be to the honor of Truth. The Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

Ans 5th We are careful to discourage the manufacture and use of all [illegible] ful diversions, and to keep to simplicity on all occasions.

[illegible] Friends endeavor to keep their children under the care and influence of Friends.

Ans 7th. Most Friends are faithful in their testimony against [illegible]

[illegible]

Ans 8th As far as we know, Friends are careful to live [illegible] payment of their debts, and honest in all their [illegible] preferred by us, and are careful to guard all against [illegible]

[illegible]

Aug 10th We believe a care rests with Friends to deal with offenders in the spirit of wisdom, without partiality or unnecessary delay. There has been no dealing with offenders reported during the past year [illegible]

Epistles to other Yearly Meetings

To Canada Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends Having once more been permitted to meet in a yearly meeting capacity, we have been comforted and refreshed by the message from your meeting with which we correspond, and also by a personal letter from our returned minister belonging to one of them.

Such has seemed since our last annual meeting, things to create anxiety and concern concerning the future and to cause us to feel that we need to live more and more close to our Divine Guide, so that we may help us to walk in the right direction.

While we rejoice that the dark clouds of warfare have lifted, we still stand appalled at the utter desolation and suffering that many thousands of our fellow beings are yet enduring. If we could believe that the government of the earth have learned the lesson that to the Lamb the sword shall forever be sheathed and could learn war no more, a great weight of anxiety would be removed from us. But we know there will be wars and rumors of wars until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and His Christ. We have had yearly comfortable seasons of worship together, the meetings of the Ministry and Oversight, and the meetings of the Society of Friends. We have had yearly comfortable seasons of worship together, the meetings of the Ministry and Oversight, and the meetings of the Society of Friends. We have had yearly comfortable seasons of worship together, the meetings of the Ministry and Oversight, and the meetings of the Society of Friends.

We, like you are few in number and often times we feel that we are truly but a small part of the Lords heritage, we believe he has a work in this land for us

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to see at this time with much sacrifice & travel
fills me with gratitude that He has deigned to
notice and in mercy provide for us not a sparrow
falls to the ground without His knowledge so
will He not provide for us if we will only give ourselves
up entirely into His keeping.

With a salutation of love I am your friend.

To Ohio Yearly Meeting

Dear Friends:- As we come
together for our annual meeting from various
parts of New England and meet those friends
from the ocean [illegible] heaven of other
[illegible] we are made sensible of the
[illegible] it is with our hearts tendered and our spirits
prostrated by the sufferings and agony of the past
year. Our dear brethren have drunk deep of the
bitter cup, and the wounds of fear and grief
[illegible] have caused the light of comfort to be found
[illegible] "Fear not, for I am with thee, be not dismayed,
neither let it be afraid". As we have suffered
so we have been moved by the sufferings of others,
from the lowest to the highest in the land, and we
[illegible] that [illegible] the afflicted, not only in
[illegible] shall not
[illegible]
We rejoice that the time of [illegible] and that a
period of reconstruction has commenced, but we are well
aware that the [illegible] which will require
that unfeigned love and [illegible] which only
[illegible] can give. We feel that it is a season for
deep and heart felt prayer, that we may not be unworthy
[illegible] that we may
[illegible] that we may
live and serve during a period of such tremendous
[illegible] in the world's history.

The shocks and the horror of battle, the fall of thrones, the establishment of empires during the past four years fade into insignificance beside the immense possibilities for world-wide fellowship and understanding which will come their place in the years to come. Here for [illegible] one hundred years ago [illegible] principle to which the world is now, step by step, approaching, to be in the forefront of this newest and greatest of all tasks. It is for [illegible] to assume leadership not in the building up of large armies, not in the construction of large navies, not in the amassing of great wealth, but in obtaining for all men everywhere those deeds of fellowship and love so that David's prophecy may be fulfilled and they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks, nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

We have been touched by your words of strength and courage, for they have reminded us [illegible] the essential kinship of all people who love their Maker, and we are encouraged by the practical assistance to extend those ties for all men in Christ.

We unite with you that your men stood strong in their hour of trial, and that in whatever direction they may have been led they were following in the way in which God marched out for them, for the darkest night in which evil deeds were done we take to ourselves with you, "I have fought a good fight, I have kept the faith."

We pray for you and ourselves that in the days [illegible] that we may not falter on the road, no matter how rough it be, that we may not lose our courage [illegible] that we may keep clean and shining the light that God has given us, by which our fathers walked, and by which we believe our children and our children's children will still be guided

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To Western Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends: In that communing [illegible] we have felt to have been [illegible] sittings of our Yearly Meeting, we [illegible] you. Our [illegible] spirit may [illegible] edification and comfort.

During the reading of the [illegible] we were made sensible of our many shortcomings, and we were lovingly counseled to [illegible] ourselves and to have a closer daily walk with God. To leave things which are [illegible] and press forward to those things which are before.

[illegible] that of ourselves we can do nothing [illegible] cannot even take one step aright.

[illegible] and we are encouraged that we are still [illegible] by the Great Head of the Church, and we have been [illegible] together in remembering the [illegible] the great patience of [illegible] Christ. We have also had this [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] to [illegible] you.

With a salutation of love we are your friends.

To Iowa Yearly Meeting.

Dear Friends: In the Gospel love we feel to address you, as we are [illegible] and [illegible] with [illegible] and [illegible] in our hearts love to our Heavenly Father and to [illegible].

All may be partakers of this spirit of [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible] all [illegible] and sorrowings and are made willing to bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the [illegible].

We notice that so many of the younger members [illegible] with us have proved true to [illegible] [illegible] and willing to engage in the Master's [illegible]

May all of us keep close to our heavenly guide in all things, and that wisdom which is profitable to direct will be given us. Our hearts are filled with anguish for the unrest and destruction in the world. Having been drawn Saviour how we have such privileges to draw near to Him in our need, [illegible] and receive the strength of Him, with those that they may also be given strength to help others to come to the Great Physician and receive healing from spiritual powers and be healed of all their diseases.

[illegible] we have not words to express, and we [illegible] glad to let our light so shine that others may be drawn from darkness into marvelous light, by the love displayed in our lives.

We are glad that Hickory Grove Quarterly Meeting has become a part of yours. Pray for us, and we will be for your continued good and growth in the ground of that which is not temporal, but of the eternal. We are aware of our own weakness and that we must be held in our place by the everlasting arm which alone can give us strength to fill the place designed for us by the Great Head of the Church.

[illegible] and more [illegible] of the Spirit of Christ that we may be living members of the church militant.

Our Saviour told His disciples that in the world they would have tribulation, but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world.

Let us then hold fast that we have that no man take our crown, and be found faithfully upholding the standard of the Prince of Peace in love and good will to all.

We have in attendance, at this time, Friends from other Yearly Meetings [illegible] very helpful [illegible] have been [illegible] to us. The attendance of [illegible] from other Yearly Meetings [illegible]

With a remembrance of love to you and yours

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To Yearly Meeting, Cedar Creek.

Dear Friends: We have met again in the capacity of a yearly meeting, and the feeling of some of us on leaving our homes was, We are poor in Manassa and the least in our father's house, how can we hold a meeting in the honor of Truth? But the Great Head of the Church has in condescending [illegible] about us as we have moved along, proving to be [illegible]; and as we have endeavored to keep close to Him, we have kept close to one another [illegible] the true Israel of God has the light, life and strength from Him alone. We are encouraged "To leave the things that are behind and press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus"

Our meeting is larger than usual, and though discouragements arise, there is that at work which will, if we humbly abide the [illegible] as the line enable us to surmount all the hindering things of time and enabled by this strength to be a part of that peculiar people He delights to own. We have been made to feel that the Lord will have such a people, willing and ready to do His work when He makes way by pointing "This is the way walk thou therein" I will be with thee and sustain thee in all that is required of thee; Surely the steps of a good man are ordered of the Lord. Some of our young people are feeling the necessity of helping to bear the Ark of the Lord. May all of us feel [illegible] cause but remembering that it cannot be done by [illegible] We have been favored with the coming of [illegible] from other meetings and though their gospel ministry [illegible] yet it proved to His cause for rejoicing that the terrible conflict over [illegible] has ceased and that tranquility once again be restored is the desire of all. Your [illegible] spirit has been received and read and in a tenderness of soul we remain your friends

To the General Meeting of Pritchley England.

Dear Friends: We feel to send you a few words of greeting, in a measure of that love, we believe, that all Christ's followers have for each other, and pray acceptable spiritual union in these days of our Yearly Meeting may be felt to be refreshing and instructive.

We can rejoice with you that the terrible conflict of war has ceased and although there continues to be unrest and threatening clouds to mar the hope for peace to reign among the nations; may we pray and trust that those who bear the burdens of diplomacy seek for Divine wisdom to so guide them that their efforts may bring settlement and satisfaction to those who are [illegible] and thirsty souls,

[illegible] ing interest in coming up more fully in endeavoring to fill their places in the church, and we [illegible] grace and in a further knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly, Rhode Island, with Public Meetings for Worship on First Day the 6th of Sixth Month, 1920 and on Second the 7th with those for Discipline.

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Friends the representatives therein named to attend this Meeting are Charles Perry, Eunice B. Nichols, Phebe A. Perry, Hannah H. Webster, Katherine H. Foster, Alice Edge Perry, Anna T. Gardner, Mary B. Damerell, Jesse R. Hiester, Horace B. Foster, Mary Jane Lape, Anna Foster, Rachel S. Gifford and William T. Oliver, whose names being called, all are present.

Our dear Friend Rebecca Haines attended this Meeting with a Minute from New Garden Monthly Meeting of Friends held at West Grove, Pa. the 6th of Fifth month 1920, liberating him, in the Love of the Gospel, to visit this Meeting, also Yearly Meeting of Friends and many of the meetings within the limits of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, he being a minister with whom they have unity. His wife Anna P. Haines, an elder of New Garden Monthly Meeting, was liberated to encouraged to accompany him in this service.

Their company, solid deportment and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this Minute and sign the same on behalf of the Meeting.

Our dear Friend Anna Lowry Hall attended this Meeting with a Minute from Somerset Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Bridgewater, near Damerell, Ohio 11 mo 1920, endorsed by Stillwater Quarterly Meeting of Friends held near Barnesville O. 5-26-1920 liberating her to visit in the Love of the Gospel New England Yearly Meeting of Friends, held at Westerly R. I. and meet with its meetings and families and

appoint one or more meetings among other young ones
returning, she being a minister with whom they have unity.

Her company and Gospel labors have been acceptable
to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy
of this minute and sign the same on behalf of the Meeting.

Our dear Friend Francis T. Gwindon attended this
Meeting with a minute from Fairhope Monthly Meeting,
held near Fairhope Ala 3-12-1920, endorsed by Stillwater
Quarterly Meeting of Friends, held near Barnesville, O.
3-26-1920 liberating him to visit in the love of the Gospel
some of the meetings of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting,
New England and Canada Yearly Meetings, to ap
point some meetings within the limits of these
Yearly Meetings and other service, as may open
for it, he being a minister with whom they have unity.

His company and Gospel labors have been
acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to fur-
nish him with a copy of this minute and sign
the same on behalf of the Meeting.

Our dear Friend Susanna H. Gwindon attended
this Meeting with a minute from Fairhope Monthly
Meeting of Friends, held 3rd Mo. 12th 1920, endorsed by a
committee appointed by Stillwater Quarterly Meeting to
provide a companion for Francis T. Gwindon on his
religious visit.

Her company and solid deportment have
been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed
to furnish her with a copy of this minute and
sign the same on behalf of the Meeting.

Our dear friend William B. Stanley Attended
this Meeting with a minute from Fairhope Monthly
Meeting of Friends, held near Fairhope, Ala., 3-12-
1920, endorsed by Stillwater Quarterly Meeting of
Friends, held near Barnesville, O., 3-26-1920 liberating
him to visit in the love of the Gospel New England
and Canada Yearly Meetings and some of the
meetings comprising them, as [illegible] meetings

attend some meetings belonging to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting and appoint one or two meetings and other service if called for, he being a minister with whom they have unity.

His company and Gospel labor have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign the same on behalf of the Meeting.

Our dear Friend Arthur J. Hartly attended this Meeting with a Minute furnished him by a committee appointed to provide a companion for William B. Stanley on his contemplated religious visit, he being a member in good esteem among them.

His company and solid deportment have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign the same on behalf of the Meeting.

Our dear Friend Lavina A. Wilson attended this Meeting with a Minute from Hector Monthly Meeting held at Ulysses N. Y. 4-7 1921, endorsed by Scipio Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Ulysses, N. Y. 4-16-1920, liberating her to visit in the love of the Gospel New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Westerly R. I., she being a minister with whom they have unity. Her company and Gospel labors have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is directed to furnish her with a copy of this minute and sign the same on behalf of the Meeting.

Our dear friend William Hiscox attended this Meeting with a Minute from Hector Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Ulysses N. Y. 4-7-1920 liberating him to accompany Lavina A. Wilson and her companion Sarah Hiscox on their religious visit to us.

His company and solid deportment have been acceptable to us and the Clerk is

directed to furnish him with a copy of this minute and sign the same on behalf of the Meeting.

Epistles have been received from all the Yearly Meetings of Friends within the circle of our correspondence and from the General Meeting of Friends held at Frithelly, England and were read at this time.

We appoint our Friends Mary Jessie Carter, Phebe H. Perry, Arthur Perry, William T. Oliver, Hannah N. Webster, Pat S. Gilley, Lucy H. Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Mary E. Foster and Mary C. Foster, a committee to prepare, if way opens for it, essays of replies to these letters or to reply by way of a general epistle.

We appoint our Friends Anne C. Foster and Charles H. Carter to examine the account of the Treasurer of this Meeting, and to propose the name of a Friend for Treasurer for the ensuing year and report at a future sitting of this Meeting.

We appoint our Friends Anne C. Foster and Mary C. Foster, Eunice B. Clark, Eunice B. Nichols and William T. Oliver to prepare a summary of the answers to the Queries and present at the sitting this afternoon.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting and propose the name of a Friend for Clerk and the name of another Friend for Assistant Clerk and report at the opening of the sitting this afternoon.

Adjourned to 3-30 o'clock this afternoon

Second Day afternoon, at about the time to which the Meeting was adjourned, Friends again assembled. The names of the representatives being called, all are present but two.

Charles Perry on behalf of the representatives reports that they were united in proposing the name of Pat S. Gilley for Clerk and the name of Lucy H. Foster for Assistant Clerk. Their names being separately considered the proposition was united with and they were appointed to those services for the ensuing year or till others are appointed in their places.

the Queries with answers thereto from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Friends together with a Summary prepared by a committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting which is thought to describe our present state, have been read and the Clerk is directed to record the Summary.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings have been read and approved and it was concluded to reappoint Lunas K. Tucker, Elmer C. Foster, Anna K. Chace, Charles Perry, Alice W. Gidley, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Eunice B. Nichols, Isabel S. Gifford, Arthur Perry, Lucy N. Foster, Horace B. Foster, Jane N. Oliver, Mary E. Foster, Emma Oliver, Anna A. Gardner, Thomas Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Elizabeth P. Nichols and Harvey C. Perry to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

The subject of Prison Reform coming before the Meeting, it was concluded to appoint our Friends Harvey C. Perry, Katherine Foster, Henry Foster, Elizabeth M. Chace, Alice W. Gidley, Ruth F. Perry, Arthur Perry, and Clara Browning a committee to investigate the subject of prison reform and do what they can, as way opens, to improve conditions, especially in the prisons of Rhode Island and Massachusetts, and report to the Meeting next year.

The promotion of the cause of Peace being considered at this time, it was concluded to appoint our clerk, Henry T. Gidley, Charles H. Foster, Emma T. Oliver, Henry H. Perry, Anna Foster, Alice S. Gidley, Elizabeth Perry, and Thomas P. Nichols a committee to do whatever they can to promote the cause of peace and good will among men.

Adjourned to the third day afternoon,

Third Day afternoon the 5th — Last the time to which the Meeting was adjourned, Friends again assembled. The names of the representative being called they are all present but one.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting to prepare copy of epistle to be epistles received, were united in preparing a general epistle, which was read and approved and the Clerk was directed to transcribe the same and forward a copy to each of the Meetings within the circle of our correspondence.

The letter from the American Friends Service Committee was read at this time to our edification and comfort. May it stimulate all of us to greater exertions in rendering aid to this committee in carrying forward the great work in which they are engaged. The Clerk is directed to make a suitable reply to this letter.

Charles Perry, Henry J. Gifford and Lucy H. Foster are appointed a committee to make an addition to the Meeting House at Westerly, R. I. that the room where equals are served may be enlarged, and they are authorized to draw upon the treasurer of this Meeting for the expense thereby incurred.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting to examine the Treasurer's account have performed that service and find that it has been correctly kept and the proper vouchers filed. That in the balance on hand of $346.22. We suggest that Harvey C. Perry be reappointed Treasurer for another year. Amos C. Foster, Charles H. Carter.

The report is satisfactory to the Meeting and Harvey C. Perry is appointed Treasurer of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

Books and Tracts.

The committee make the following report.

The committee have added to the Library in the Westerly Meeting, seventeen books and six dozen tracts. The books consist in modern Gospel Service and the Message of Quakerism. The pamphlets which are for distribution include brief accounts of lives of Friends ancient and modern. Some tracts which have been distributed by members of the committee, and one tract entitled "An invitation to a Quaker Meeting."

Elizabeth Perry.

The report is satisfactory to the Meeting and James H. Tucker, Jesse R. Tucker, Arthur Perry, Anna A. Gardner, Anna H. Chase, Elizabeth G. Wilbur, Emma A. F. Perry, Gertrude E. Foster, James H. Oliver, Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth E. Gidley and Elizabeth Perry, are reappointed a committee to purchase books and tracts for distribution and they are authorized to draw upon the Treasurer of this Meeting for the expense thereby incurred.

It was concluded to refer the printing of the Minutes together with the epistles received addressed to this Meeting to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Charles Perry of Westerly R. I. James H. Oliver of Lynn Mass. and Job S. Gidley of South Dartmouth Mass. are re-appointed correspondents of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the Minutes of this Meeting and sign the same on its behalf.

Having completed the business claiming our attention we much love and harmony, we now conclude purposing to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Job S. Gidley Clerk.

Ans. 1st All our regular meetings for worship and discipline have been held except five omitted because of extreme weather conditions. Our meetings have been small owing to sickness and age. We have no place for gathering in regularly. Some instances of help are reported but not to the satisfactory extent.

Ans. 2nd We feel that love and unity are maintained in a good degree among us, and that detraction is guarded against. We endeavor to settle all differences.

Ans. 3rd Friends have a deep concern to uphold a waiting, spiritual worship and a free gospel ministry, exercised under the immediate authority of the Holy Spirit

Ans. 4th We believe Friends have a concern to uphold a testimony in regard to plainness of speech behavior and apparel and to refrain from frivolous reading and the harmful influence of novels

and to be good examples herein themselves. We believe the Holy Scriptures are frequently read in our families.

Ans. 5th Care is taken against the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. Parents also have care to avoid harmful literature and to observe moderation in all recreations.

Ans. 6th We find Friends attending meetings. Friends endeavor to have their children under the care and influence of Friends.

Ans. 7th We maintain, as far as we know, a faithful testimony in relation to the different parts of this query.

Ans. 8th Friends are careful to live within their income and to keep in moderation in the trade or business they try to keep their promises and be just and honest in all their dealings.

Ans 9th Parents and others have a concern to instruct our youth in the principles of Truth professed by us and to guard against unsuitable marriages. One case of marriage with one not a member. Certificates are in order. Two have been received without certificate.

Ans. 10th We detest the spirit of retaliation and wish to be clothed with all humility. [illegible]

of Judgment [illegible] last account

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An Epistle to other Yearly Meetings.

To the Yearly Meetings of Friends to be held at Wilmington, Ohio, Whittier, Iowa; Pickering, Ontario, Canada; Emporia, Kansas; Plainfield, Indiana; and Stillwater, near Barnesville, Ohio; and to be General Meeting of Friends in Birkby, England.

Dear Friends: We have listened with attention to the reading of your Epistles in our Yearly Meeting at its present session and have enjoyed how-ever, all your messages and we can all be brought together in the consecrated hope by the problems which confront us all.

As we have deliberated upon these things, we have been drawn to address you this year in a general epistle which, we trust, may convey to you some portion of our fellowship that even the midst of turmoil we are sitting together with you all at one great table of spiritual fellowship and sacrament. Here we feel, through unseen and unheard symbol of communion, the spiritual bread is broken, the wine is poured, and the Lord's injunction is take, eat, this is my body. This do in remembrance of me.

But in the face of the world's great need this family of ours must not simply be partaking privately of the strength of this heavenly communion; instead we truly feel that we must go forth, as we may be sent, truly dedicated to the service of breaking bread for others, loving and sustaining others.

We are, at this time, humbly conscious of Divine favor resting upon the service and concerns of a number of visiting friends and ministers who bring minutes from their particular meetings expressing unity with their profound labors in gospel love.

The Divine blessing has also been granted us through your epistles, which with their messages of truth, sympathy and love have awakened in us a fresh realization of blessing and obligation

We feel sure that we are helped and encouraged not only through the messages brought by epistles or by ministers and other visiting friends, but your correspondence is a Christian fellowship with us. Silent prayer is needful as well as the spoken or the written word, and we are conscious that all the messages that we have received have been enriched to us because of the spiritual exercise of the meetings which helped to send them forth. Let us all draw near to Him in more and more earnest and quiet waiting for the inspiration and light which are needed by all mankind.

[illegible] we are sympathizing with the thought of the spiritual hunger that underlies the world today, in the midst of the pain and suffering, the great struggle for readjustment and reconstruction, the unrest and the turmoil on every hand, it behooves us more than ever to seek for that which comes from quiet abidement in the secret of His presence. He alone can help that soul which brought the darkness into the marvelous light.

[illegible] to be drawn more nearly and to have entered into this privilege have you not desired to go deeper the way of holy relief of suffering or for preaching with speaking with other friends to be more concerned to spread the message of peace and rest in that the spirit of conflict, some have even lost the life of their life for their convictions; some have [illegible] the call of duty in their own homes and among their own neighbors.

But wherever the field may be, there is [illegible] friends everywhere [illegible] responsibility for letting our light shine more clearly before men that they may see our good works and glorify our Father which is in heaven. Let us be willing to be the receiving vessels of His grace so that we may be [illegible] instruments in His hands for the carrying of that life and power which shall be [illegible] to others.

We are [illegible] by a sense of our unfitness for this great task of sharing in the Master's service, we have not the faith which would [illegible] the darkness of our

not many, nor even one hour, be ever lapsed to yield to our own discouragement or weakness or sorrow. Rather we should so live that a greater capacity may be opened in our soul for that true light and joy which can and do shine through all darkness and discouragement.

We shall understand what it means to be glad in the midst of sorrow and to receive Christ's joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness. The world cannot give but the world can only take away and can receive, but it does not know what to give and therefore this darkness ought to shine forth in their lives among men.

In meditating, as we have, upon the hunger of all for the joy, peace and love - a hunger which even feel but are not yet fully able to comprehend - we rejoice that you and we may be enabled to be faithful to the inner light that the divine reign that the Most High exalteth in the kingdom of men, that the Lord never faileth, and that in His presence is fulness of joy.

We shall further be more and more fully persuaded that we are to preach and practice not so much the peculiar doctrine of peace as the positive, vigorous doctrine of Divine Love which alone can drive out evil and turn the nations from the ways of bitterness and hatred into the ways of wisdom and the paths of peace.

Then may the light that is within us not be suffered to go out in discouragement and darkness but may it shine brighter and brighter until the perfect day; and may we not fail in frequent supplication to lift up our eyes unto the hills from whence cometh our help.

With a message of love and interest toward you all and toward all who are interesting desiring the coming of this kingdom and all your friends.

Signed in behalf and on behalf of the Meeting
for Sufferings held

At New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Newport, Rhode Island with Public Meetings for Worship on First Day the 5th of Sixth Month, 1921, and on Second Day the 6th with those for Discipline,

By accounts received from Rhode Island and Sandwich Quarterly Meetings of Friends the representatives thereof named to attend this Meeting are, Jesse C. Foster, Eunice B. Nichols, Charles Perry, Gertrude E. Foster, Elizabeth Perry, Eunice B. Clark, Rhoda P. Griffen, Horace B. Foster, Mary E. Foster Elizabeth Gillam, Mary J. Cope, Alice W. Gidley, Jesse B. Tucker, Anna Foster and James H. Olney, whose names being called, all are present but one, for whom a satisfactory excuse was given.

Our beloved friend Jesse Hoag has attended this Meeting with a minute from Stillwater Monthly Meeting of Friends, held near Barnesville, Ohio 2nd. Mo. 23rd. 1921, endorsed by Stillwater Quarterly Meeting held 3rd mo. 2nd 1921, liberating him to visit, as way opens, in the love of the Gospel, New England Yearly Meeting and the meetings composing it, also Canada Yearly Meeting and most of the meetings composing it, also on the way a few meetings belonging to Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, he being a minister with whom they have unity; his wife Eunice Henderson being his companion. Their company, Gospel labors and Christian deportment have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute and sign the same on behalf of the Meeting.

Our beloved Friend May S. Reich attended this Meeting with a minute from Fair Haven Monthly Meeting of Friends held in joint session held at Hallsingt., Penn. 5th m. 5th 1921, endorsed by Muncy and Buckingham Quarterly Meeting held at Burlington, N. J., 5th m. 31st 1921 liberating him to visit in Gospel love New England Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Toronto, C. W., and Canada Yearly Meeting of Friends held at Norwich, Canada, with other service in connection with the meetings as truly as truth may open in the way, and visit any other meetings within its limits thereof under our name should way open, he being a well esteemed member and minister in unity with them. Albert Votaw is his companion.

Their company, Gospel labors and solid deportment have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of this minute and sign the same on behalf of this Meeting.

Our beloved friend Marianna C. Wood attended this Meeting with a minute from Exeter Monthly Meeting of Friends held at Ulysses, N. Y., 4th mo. 6th 1921, endorsed by Scipio Quarterly Meeting of Friends held at Ulysses N. Y., 4th mo. 9th 1921, liberating her to visit in Gospel love New England Yearly Meeting of Friends to be held at Toronto C. W.; also such other service as she may feel it required of her, she being a minister in unity with them. Her companions are Sarah Mekeel mother, and Sarah Wood, her daughter. Their company, Gospel labors and solid deportment have been acceptable to us, and the Clerk is directed to furnish them with a copy of the minute and sign the same on behalf of the Meeting

Information came to this Meeting from Rhode Island Quarterly Meeting of Friends that the Testimonies and gift in the ministry of Thomas P. Rotch have been offensive,

Epistles have been received and read, at this time, from the meetings with which we correspond, and a letter from our dear friend Cyrus Cobb of Ohio, together with an epistle from the Yearly Meeting of Germany. We appoint Alice H. Gidley, Elizabeth Perry, Gilbert Perry Jr. William J. Clark, Mary C. Foster, Eunice D. Clark, Jane H. Clark, Thomas Perry, Jesse G. Lowry, Phebe P. Buffum, Clara Browning and Charles [illegible] to peruse, if way open for it, essays of replies to their letters or reply to them by a general epistle,

We appoint Henry Foster, Anna T. Gardner, Emma J. Clark, and Eunice B. Richardson to prepare a summary of the answers to the queries and present it at the sitting this afternoon,

We appoint Anne C. Foster and Jesse R. Tucker to examine the account of the Treasurer of this Meeting and produce the name of a Friend for Treasurer for the ensuing year, and report at a future sitting of this Meeting.

The representatives are requested to meet at the close of this sitting and propose the name of a Friend for Clerk, and the name of another Friend for Assistant Clerk, and report at the opening of the sitting this afternoon.

Adjourned to 3: 30 o'clock this afternoon,

Second Day afternoon, at which the time to which the Meeting was adjourned Friends again assembled,

The minutes of the representatives being called, all are present but two,

Horace B. Foster, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, reports that they had met and were united in proposing the name of Joel S. Gidley for Clerk and the name of Thomas Perry for Assistant Clerk.

Their names being separately considered the proposition was united with and they are appointed to those services for the ensuing year, & till others are appointed in their stead.

The queries with answers sent from Rhode Island and Dartmouth Quarterly Meetings, together with a summary prepared by a committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting, which is thought to describe our present state, have been read and the Clerk directed to record the same.

During the reading of the queries with their answers words of encouragement were expressed by our visiting friends and others. May their messages of love and good cheer sink deep into our very heart and bring forth much fruit to the honor of the Great Husbandman.

Report of the Prison Committee.

The Committee on Prison Reform appointed by the Yearly Meeting last year has inspected into prison conditions in the State of Rhode Island, and find the following features which may be improved: Some of the prison buildings are so over crowded that four men are often confined over night in cells that were built for one man, and that sometimes [illegible]. In these four men sleep on floors in cells that are required by law in the State of New York for one man, the overcrowded conditions of these cells is unspeakably bad.

Prisoners are held for debt an antiquated practice, which has been abolished in all but seven states. In most states it is unconstitutional. The contract-system, by which the prisoners' labor is sold to the lowest bidder is still permitted. Boys of sixteen are put with old criminals, there being no segregation of ages. Men awaiting trial are confined with convicts.

The indeterminate sentence and parole which prove beneficial in other states is administered in Rhode Island as to be of questionable value.

On the other hand we are glad to know that a few years ago when our prisons were investigated by a Friend from another state he reported favorably on the kind of food provided, commended our officials for giving work for nearly all prisoners and for utilizing the daylight of silence.

This however leaves the darker background against us. We feel convinced that some of the physical conditions of our prisons are degrading, and in some ways the mental conditions are even more prejudicial to improvement. Other states are doing better than we are.

The imprisonment of evil doers is necessary for the protection of society, and their reformation is also to be desired for the same reason. This is only the selfish motive however, for every human soul should be infinitely precious to all who are striving to follow Him who came to save those that are lost." From every point of view the moral and spiritual welfare of the prisoners should concern us.

In the Latin schools [illegible] to inculcate a little educational work in regard to prison reform. Through enlightened public opinion comes the only hope of better conditions.

Elizabeth M. Chace Chairman.

[illegible] confinement for [illegible] crime.

The records of the Meeting for Sufferings was read and approved, and it was concluded to reappoint James H. Tucker, Jesse K. Tucker, Jonas C. Foster, Anna H. Brace, Charles Perry Jr. S. Gibbs, Elizabeth G. Miller, Eunice B. Nichols, Isabel L. Gifford, Lilian Perry, Lucy H. Foster, Grace Webster, James H. Cocker, Ann C. Foster, Mary Anna Cocker, Anna L. Gardner, Thomas [illegible], Eunice B. Clark, Elizabeth C. Nichols and Henry C. Perry and to appoint Henry H. Perry to constitute the Meeting for Sufferings for the ensuing year.

A report was read from the delegates in attendance at the All Friends Conference in London in the summer of 1920. The report called forth interesting remarks from a number of Friends, some of whom were in attendance at the Conference. There was a general feeling, that the London Conference had been the possibilities of closer unity among the members of the Society, and consequently a wider and more effective service for the Master.

Adjourned to the third hour Third Day afternoon.

Third Day afternoon the Yearly Meeting was again called to order by the Clerk, many Friends again attended. The names of the representatives being called, they again [illegible] at the first sitting.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting to examine the Treasurer's account made the following report:

The committee appointed to examine the Yearly Meeting Treasurer's account report that they have attended to that service, and that they found vouchers for all expenditures and a balance left in the treasury to the credit of the Yearly Meeting of $1,568.51

and we are united in proposing the name of Harvey S. Perry for Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Anna C. Foster for the Committee.

The report is satisfactory to the Meeting and Harvey S. Perry is appointed Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting for the ensuing year.

The committee appointed at our last Meeting this year to promote the cause of peace make the following report.

The committee realizes that it has been able to make little significant progress in the way of public opinion. We believe, however, that the influence of a committee of this nature may be felt, and that each individual may be a service by spreading the views among those about him, both by precept and by exhibiting in his life the spirit of good will.

Two public meetings, with special addresses, have been held in Yorkville during the past year under the work of Friends in Europe.

Leaflets on disarmament have been sent to the boys about 200 boys in Yorkville. This has been a good distribution of leaflets on a small scale. More might be done in this line by similar means, but it seems that the committee cannot offer this as a recommendation without incurring considerable expense, which it hesitates to assume without authority of the meeting.

The committee would like to suggest to the Meeting the following plans for carrying forward disarmament and permanent peace:

1. Co-operation with friends and other societies having the same aim. Although in a small way, we could do more effective work by united effort.
2. By spreading literature, and through the press, to educate the public in the principles of peace.

Many newspapers also will print on their editorial pages correspondance of a more liberal nature than the paper itself would subscribe to.

3. Influence on legislation. Frequently public opinion is offered to encourage legislators to stand for laws favoring peace. It should be remembered that those legislators who personally favor such laws need encouragement, as they are all under pressure from the militarists.

4. Friendly intercourse with foreigners. Those of us who live near universities can find opportunity to entertain in their homes foreign students who expect shortly to return to their home countries. In this way much may be done to clear away misunderstandings and to foster the spirit of good will and mutual respect. Even those who do not come in direct contact with foreigners can do much to create a fairer attitude toward them by influencing their acquaintances in general conversation, and by giving financial support to organizations which are working for better friendly relations.

At the present time the militarists are doing their best to hold up the Japanese bogy as an excuse for the need of armaments. There is also a society in America formed for the special purpose of circulating anti Japanese propaganda. It is useless to claim that relations will not be bettered unless Christians inform themselves and do all in their power to spread the facts.

Henry E. Perry for the Committee.

The report is satisfactory to the Meeting, and it was minuted that the committee be continued and the names of Harvey E. Perry and Lydia Perry were added thereto.

The following budget was suggested and approved by the Meeting; $150 or as much of it as may be required by the Peace Committee; $100 or as much of it as may be required by the Prison Committee; $50 or as much of it as may be required by the Book and Tract Committee.

These amounts are to be paid by the Treasurer of the Yearly Meeting on the approval of the said committees.

Books and Tracts.

A few books and tracts have been distributed during the past year.

It was concluded to reappoint James H. Tucker, Jesse R. Tucker, Arthur Perry, Anna A. Gardner, Anna M. Chace, Elizabeth G. Miller, Emma A. H. Perry, Edward E. Foster, James H. Chace, Mary E. Foster, Elizabeth E. Gilly and Elizabeth Perry a committee to purchase books and tracts for distribution during the coming year.

The committee appointed at the first sitting of this Meeting to prepare essays of replies to the epistles received were united in preparing a general epistle to the Yearly Meetings with which we correspond and a separate one to North Carolina Yearly Meeting. They were read and approved, and the Clerk is directed to transcribe and forward the general epistle to the meetings with which we correspond, and also to the Friends in Germany, and forward the other to North Carolina Yearly Meeting.

It was concluded to refer the printing of the Minutes together with the epistles received and issued by this Meeting, also the letter from our dear friend Cyrus Cooper to the Meeting for Sufferings.

Charles Perry of Newport R. I., Wm. J. Thomas of Sharon Mass. and Joel S. Gilly of Dartmouth Mass. are reappointed correspondents of this Meeting for the ensuing year.

The Clerk is directed to make all necessary extracts from the minutes of this Meeting and sign the same on its behalf.

Before this Meeting closes may each one of us ask Almighty God to give us strength to gather up the fragments that remain that nothing may be lost. And may the seed that has been sown during the various sittings of our Yearly Meeting take up root in our hearts and bring forth much fruit to the glory of God.

Having completed the business claiming our attention in perfect harmony, we now conclude adjourning to meet at this place at the usual time next year if consistent with the Divine Will.

Job S. Gidley Clerk.

Answers to the Queries.

Ans. 1. All our religious meetings for Worship and Discipline have been held, with the exception above. Our report states that the hour for gathering could be observed with regard to the meetings.

The conduct of members has been satisfactory, except in a few instances which are under the attention of the Overseers.

Ans. 2. Love and unity are well maintained, detraction is guarded against, and there are no differences of which we have knowledge.

Ans. 3. Friends show an increasing concern to uphold our testimony to waiting, spiritual worship, and the gospel ministry, rooted only in the immediate authority and anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Ans. 4. Friends are concerned to bring up those under their care in simplicity of speech, behaviour and apparel, to restrain them from pernicious reading and harmful influence of worldly associations they are generally exposed to in these respects themselves.

The following are frequently read in most families.

Ans. 5. The manufacture, sale and use of all intoxicating liquors are avoided. Friends desire to abstain from all needful diversion and to keep in due simplicity at the time of marriages and on all other occasions.

Ans. 6. There are no Friends in unlawful marriages and Friends endeavor to keep their children under the care and influence of Friends.

Ans. 7. No Select Friends maintain a faithful testimony against the several sorts of this query, but a more vital testimony for truth and testimonial however could be in accordance with our tradition and contrary to the spirit of love which we must seek at the present time.

Ans. 8. As far as known Friends are careful to live within the bounds of their circumstances, keep moderation in their business, be punctual to their promise, just in the payment of their debts, and honest in all their dealings.

Ans. 9. The instruction of the youth in the principles of the Truth as they are professed by us is all that [illegible] able marriages is a concern that deeply exercises us.

Marriages, births, deaths and burials are duly recorded. There has been one removal without a certificate.

Ans. 10. We believe a care rests with Friends to deal with offenders as the Discipline requires, but we feel [illegible] of true Christian labour must be used, [illegible] to visit, admonish and counsel the disorderly, in the spirit of meekness, that if possible they may be reclaimed from their evil ways, and be restored in the love of the Gospel into membership with us. There have been [illegible] during the year.

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An Epistle to other Yearly Meetings.

Dear Friends:-

We have been helped and cheered at this session of our Yearly Meeting by the loving epistles which we have received from you and others of our household of faith. This annual exchange of letters we feel to be of increasing value, for it brings us into closer and dearer touch.

We have also been favored to receive and welcome to our midst at this time a number of Friends from other meetings. These have been to us living epistles, for they have enabled to present the ever-living Truth with fresh vision and power. We have been thereby made conscious of an awakening in our hearts to the deep and searching voice of God.

And especially we have responded to and been grateful for the words of cheer and help of whom to us. The religion of our Lord has been presented as the gospel of joy, and as the great and steady light which will surely dissipate the mists that have darkened our afflicted world.

In the unsettlement prevailing in the earth, we feel that we should earnestly seek for Divine guidance and strength to do the work which opens before us. We recognize our weakness, and the magnitude of the task and at times we ask in trembling "Who is sufficient for these things?" Yet we know there is a source of strength on which we can confidently rely if we are willing and obedient in answering the call which we believe has been sent us as a people, for the uplifting of our suffering brethren.

There is a encouragement in feeling that at many points of contact we have opened acquaintance with Friends are making known unto them the gospel of love and good will. We recognize that in this we need the constant care and direction of the Great Physician to bring us all into that life which alone can be a blessing to all men.

While thus aware of our special opportunities we should remember with gratitude that all through the worlds history there have bun those of "all nations, kindreds, tongues and peoples" who have bun used in glorifying our Father on earth as He is in Heaven. We may observe that those who seemed to accomplish best His work have bun the most humble of His servants and we should strive ourselves to reach the same humility. "The meek will He guide in judgment and the meek will He teach His way."

We have had this year a larger attendance than usual of younger Friends, members of this and of other Yearly Metings. The presence of these younger visitors have bun helpful to us in promoting a sens of clearer understanding and of closer unity, that we especially urge the young Friends of your meting to visit as way may open, this and other yearly metings in the future.

With a salutation of love we remain your friends.

Signed by direction and on behalf of the Meting

Job S. Gidley Clerk